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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-5, as amended, remain herein. Claims 6-22 remain herein but are presently withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants appreciate the statements in the Office Action that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the independent claim from which it depends.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite the subject matter of allowable claim 2, and claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Editorial changes have been made in claims 1, 3, 6-8, 17-19 and 22.

1. Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider the restriction of claims 6-22 in view of the reasons for allowance of claims 1 and 3-5, and withdraw the restriction, thereby making claims 6-22 allowable. Upon such allowance the dependencies of presently withdrawn claims 6 and 9 may be corrected by Examiner's Amendment.

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2. Objections were stated to the drawings for allegedly not illustrating all of the claimed elements. Submitted herewith are copies of proposed Figure 15 showing the teeth present in three times in number of poles of the rotor. Withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

3. Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) over Muira et al. U.S. Patent 5,990,562. Claim 1 is allowable as explained herein, and therefore dependent claims 3-5 are also allowable.

All claims 1 and 3-5 are now proper in form and patentably distinguished over all grounds of rejection stated in the Office Action. Accordingly, allowance of all claims 1 and 3-5 is respectfully requested.


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Should the Examiner deem that any further action by the applicants would be desirable to place this application in even better condition for issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone applicants' undersigned representatives.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please enter the attached one (1) sheet of formal drawing,
proposed Figure 15.